(iii) The DoT (Government) should realize a spectrum acquisition fee from telecom service providers. Base price for acquisition of spectrum for 3G has been recommended area-wise.

(iv) Rural roll out obligations have been recommended as part of overall roll out obligations in a time bound manner.

(c) Does not arise in view of above.

Retrenchment of employees

1058. SHRI KAMALAKHTAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of employee working as casual labourers since 1984 under Telecom District Himatnagar, Gujarat were retrenched from services;

(b) if so, the details of such employees and the reasons for their retrenchment;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many such employees approached the Industrial Court and Hon'ble Gujarat High Court which gave decisions in their favour but have not been reinstated as regular employees as yet;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when these employees would be reinstated on regular basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir. Only 3 casual labourers were retrenched.

(b) Three casual labourers have been retrenched due to non-availability of work as given below:

1. Shri G.K. Chauhan, casual labourer was retrenched w.e.f. 29-03-1991.
2. Shri Mohd. Tahid Alam Ansari, casual labourer was retrenched w.e.f. 16-04-1994.
3. Shri A.D. Patel, casual labourer was retrenched w.e.f. 31-03-1994.

(c) to (e) All the above three casual labourers have approached the Industrial Tribunal. Case of Shri Mohd. Tahid Alam Ansari was also litigated in Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat. Shri G.K. Chauhan and Shri Mohd. Tahid Alam Ansari have been reinstated as casual labourers w.e.f. 07-07-1999 and 08-11-2001 respectively as per the directions. However, the case of Shri A.D. Patel is still sub-judice in the Industrial Tribunal.

Introduction of CNG buses

1059. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under active consideration of the Union Government to introduce CNG buses on roads in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) by when the scheme is expected to be introduced, State-wise;

(d) the States where this scheme shall be introduced in the first instance; and

(e) to what extent such buses shall be cheaper than the existing cost of plying diesel buses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Use of CNG as auto fuel in motor vehicles has been allowed under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. Necessary specifications of CNG kits, to be fitted in buses have also been notified. The vehicular traffic is controlled and regulated by State Governments. As such, it is for the concerned State Governments to take a decision regarding introduction of CNG buses in their States.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

(e) The cost of operation of a motor vehicle would depend on many factors like maintenance of vehicle, traffic and road conditions, driving skill etc. The data relating to cost of operation of motor vehicle on different type of fuel is not compiled by this Ministry.